

REMARKS

Claims 1-16 and 19-24 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 1, 8, 15 and 16 are amended. No new matter is added. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

The courtesies extended to Applicant's representatives by Examiners Rendon and Hotaling during the interviews held April 2 and 8, 2009, are appreciated. The reasons presented at the interview as warranting favorable action are incorporated into the remarks below, which constitute Applicants' record of the interview.

The December 9, 2008 Office Action (hereinafter "Office Action") rejects claims 1, 8, 15 and 16 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, and rejects claims 1, 8, 15, 16, 19 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. §101. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

During the interview, the Examiners agreed that the amendments to claims 1, 8, 15, 16, 19 and 20 overcame the rejections. Therefore, withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

During the interview, the Examiners also addressed a possible further rejection of claims 1 and 8 under 35 U.S.C. §101. Claims 1 and 8 are amended as agreed upon during the interview.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-16 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Street Fighter Alpha 3 (<http://www.gamefaqs.com/console/psx/file/564869/323> and <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WEFUBAjl1aEE>) (hereinafter "SF3") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,847,364 to Dichter. Applicants understand that claims 19-24 are also rejected under this rejection as the Office Action provides grounds for rejecting claims 19-24. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

As discussed to during the interview, claims 1, 8, 15 and 16 each recite that a plurality of effect objects are displayed at predetermined positional intervals at substantially the same

time. This feature is described in the specification at, for example, page 19, line 17 to page 20, line 16, page 22, lines 1-12, and page 46, lines 15-18, and shown in Figs. 3A-4B. Claims 1, 8, 15 and 16 also each recite that each of the plurality of effect objects shows a respective future sequential motion of the first object. This feature is shown in Fig. 4C, for example. Claims 1, 8, 15 and 16 further each recite the plurality of effect objects are made sequentially disappear in proximate order from the location of the first object at a time in which it is judged to start the motion of the first object after the first object starts moving as the first object moves into the position corresponding the respective effect object. This feature is shown in Fig. 6B and described in the specification at page 24, lines 12-18.

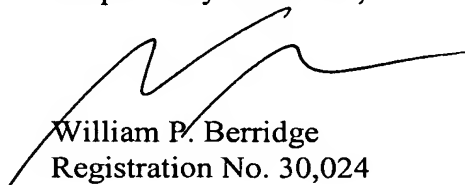
As agreed to during the interview, SF3 does not teach or suggest any of these features. Therefore, claims 1, 8, 15 and 16 are patentable over SF3.

Dependent claims 2-7, 9-14 and 19-24 are allowable at least for their dependence on claims 1, 8, 15 and 16, as well as for the additional features they recite. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the claims are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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